



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County  
Report of the Environmental Control Committee**

**Tuesday, March 11, 2014**

**11:45 AM**

**Cook County Building, Board Room, 569  
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**SECTION 1**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Chairman Gorman, Vice Chairman Steele, Gainer, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri and Tobolski (7)

**Absent:** None (0)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Chairman Gorman asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speaker, in accordance with Cook County Code, Sec. 2-107(dd):

1. George Blakemore, Concerned Citizen

**14-0877**

**Sponsored by:** PETER N. SILVESTRI, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF A FLY QUIET PROGRAM AT O'HARE  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND CREATION OF A FEDERAL FLY QUIET ACT**

**WHEREAS**, certain communities on the Northwest Side of the City of Chicago and nearby suburbs reside underneath the key nighttime air routes, including five glide paths and two major take-off plates, which converge over the community and are used after 10 p.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, these communities seek a solution to the nighttime sleep interruptions during the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m., including the shoulder hours; and

**WHEREAS**, these communities are experiencing higher levels of jet noise, especially during the phase 1 nighttime flight operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the current fly quiet program needs to be reevaluated for the purposes of instilling and sharing the primary purpose of flight and community partnership at O'Hare International Airport with all of the collar communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby urge the Federal Aeronautics Administration and O'Hare International Airport authorities to decrease jet noise over the communities of Northwest Chicago and nearby suburbs by establishing a full-time fly quiet program and urge the creation and passage of a federal homeowner's aviation fly quiet act; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to each member of the Illinois congressional delegation.

**Legislative History:** 2/19/14 Board of Commissioners referred to the Environmental Control Committee

**A motion was made by Commissioner Silvestri, seconded by Vice Chairman Steele, that this Resolution be accepted as substituted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Gorman, Vice Chairman Steele, Gainer, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri and Tobolski (7)

**Absent:** None (0)

**14-0877**

**Sponsored by:** PETER N. SILVESTRI, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, and ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN  
County Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

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**WHEREAS**, the O'Hare Modernization Project includes Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) changes to landing and take-off patterns, shifting airplane traffic previously arriving from many directions into landing and take-offs from only two directions, east and west; and

**WHEREAS**, certain communities on the Northwest Side of the City of Chicago and nearby suburbs reside underneath the key nighttime air routes, including five glide paths and two major take-off plates, which converge over the community and are used after 10 p.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, these communities seek a solution to the nighttime sleep interruptions during the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m., including the shoulder hours; and

**WHEREAS**, this concentrated increase in airplane traffic will negatively impact the health and quality of life for residents and businesses on the Northwest Side of Chicago and the Northwest Suburbs; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly all of these communities predate O'Hare's conversion to a commercial airport in the 1950s.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby urge the FAA and O'Hare Airport authorities to consider and seek to establish a mandatory fly-quiet program, use all existing and new runways to better distribute air traffic, devise a neighborhood-based plan, and conduct a supplemental Environmental Impact Study.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to each member of the Illinois congressional delegation.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Silvestri, seconded by Vice Chairman Steele, that this Resolution be recommended for approval as substituted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Gorman, Vice Chairman Steele, Gainer, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri and Tobolski (7)

**Absent:** None (0)

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Silvestri, seconded by Vice Chairman Steele, was to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Gorman, Vice Chairman Steele, Gainer, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri and Tobolski (7)

**Absent:** None (0)

#### **SECTION 2**

#### **YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTION WITH REGARD TO THE MATTERS NAMED HEREIN:**

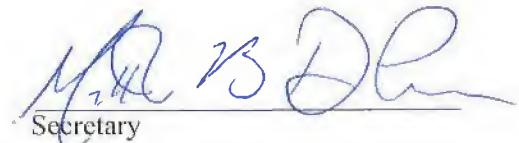
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Recommended for Approval

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

\*A video recording of this meeting is available on the Office of the Secretary to the Board's web site on the Video Page at <http://blog.cookcountyl.gov/secretarytotheboard/county-board-proceedings/county-board-video-and-audio/fully submitted>,